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Dear Jim:

Hope you had a good trip.

I just wanted to reassure you that there have been no catastrophes in your absence, and that your mail has been very dull, consisting mostly of one sort of routine acknowledgment or another. Copeland sent a ms. for your comments, which was returned to him with your address; I doubt you wanted to be bothered with it.

A sample of the rest:

Ed Lewis wanted your address.

The Friends Committee on National Legislation circularized you for your signature on a statement to the President

Keith Cannan is in Japan; his secretary forwarded your declination to him. Do you want me to interview Diamantis at Sydney?

W F Jacob/Dept English/Idaho State College wanted more information on John I Gardner. I sent him your address.

Were you an officer candidate for "RAB statistics?" Anyhow your name is not on the election list.

We saw Rubbo in Chicago last week. Our plans are pretty much as before, except we have a chance to go up to the Great Barrier Reef. Our return trip is unsettled (about November 2); we might go back fairly directly via Australia; if matters are not too pressing here, we might consider routing via India (Haldane sent a surprisingly warm postcard that reopened that possibility); if there were some angel ready to provide the extra \$392 needed for each of us, we would consider Japan as another alternative. This just goes to show how unsettled our ideas are. We may end up just scooting back nonstop, but we don't have to be back, by the terms of the leave, before November 30.

The politics here have been quite dukl. The primary has settled down to Proxmire vs. Zablocki in the Democratic column, and Kohler vs Davis vs Knowles vs.... in the Republicans.

Enjoy yourself.